



**Minutes**

**Operations Committee**

**January 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

**City Hall - 808 2nd Avenue East - Council Chambers**

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:**

Chair Scott Greig  
Vice Chair Marion Koepke  
Member Roger Bloom  
Member Mike Crone  
Member Robert Droine  
Councillor Brock Hamley  
Councillor Carol Merton (Via Video)  
Member Meghan Robertson

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT/REGRETS:** Member Edward Marchewka

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lara Widdifield, Director of Public Works and Engineering  
Chris Webb, Manager of Engineering Services  
Heidi Jennen, Supervisor of Environmental Services  
Ashley Ford, Water and Wastewater Administrative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Greig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. CALL FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

2.a Chair Greig Re: Watermain Breaks on 9th Avenue East

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

4.a Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on December 14, 2023

OP-240118-001  
Moved by Vice Chair Koepke

**"THAT the Operations Committee approves the minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2023."**

Carried.

**5. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

There were no depositions or presentations.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

There were no questions from the public.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR WHICH DIRECTION IS REQUIRED**

There were no correspondence items presented for consideration.

**8. REPORTS OF CITY STAFF**

8.a Engineering

None.

8.b Environment

8.b.1 Report OP-24-001 from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Curbside Waste RFP

The Supervisor of Environmental Services provided an overview of the report.

Committee questioned if there could be another alternative added such as a weekly option for green bin and waste collection during 6 months in the summer, and biweekly the other 6 months of the year. Staff explained that there could be an additional option added.

Committee questioned at what point the green bin pilot project was removed from the budget. Staff explained that Council decided at the Budget Meeting that a better use of the pilot project money would be to apply it towards the implementation of the program instead.

Committee raised concerns with how much the Green Bin Program could raise taxes. Staff explained that they would be analyzing the various options from the RFP to determine the cost, and at that point, Council has the option to not proceed with the program.

Chair Greig relinquished the position of Chair so that he could move a friendly amendment to the motion. Vice Chair Koepke assumed the position of Chair.

OP-240118-002

Moved by Councillor Hamley

**“THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-001 respecting Curbside Waste Collection RFP, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to proceed with issuing the Curbside Waste Collection RFP incorporating:**

- 1. All items outlined in the Analysis section of the report; and**
- 2. Another option under scope of work, being biweekly curbside garbage collection and weekly curbside residential green bin collection from May 1 to October 31 and biweekly garbage and green bin collection from November 1 to April 30.”**

Carried.

Chair Greig resumed the position of Chair.

8.b.2 Report OP-24-002 from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Recycling Convenience Depot Miller Transfer Station

The Supervisor of Environmental Services provided an overview of the report.

Committee questioned what would happen if the City decided not to fund the convenience depot. Staff explained that losing this type of facility would leave non-eligible sources without collection arrangements, a designated place to take their recyclable material. There would also be Ministry approvals and significant costs to establish a similar facility for non-eligible sources post-transition.

Committee requested staff to negotiate a cost-sharing agreement with the Township of Georgian Bluffs and Municipality of Meaford prior to agreeing to contribute financially to the convenience depot.

OP-240118-003

Moved by Councillor Hamley

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report OP-24-002 respecting Recycling Convenience Depot - Miller Transfer Station, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council direct staff to negotiate a cost-sharing agreement with the Township of Georgian Bluffs and the Municipality of Meaford prior to approving the financial contributions toward the convenience depot at Miller Transfer Station.”**

Carried.

8.c Public Works

None.

8.d Transit

8.d.1 Report from Supervisor of Environmental Services Re: Transit Dashboard  
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The Supervisor of Environmental Services provided a summary of the Transit Dashboard.

Committee questioned whether staff were collecting statistics on the time of arrival at bus stops. Staff confirmed they do receive this data and will be providing them in the annual report.

OP-240118-004

Moved by Member Bloom

**"THAT in consideration of Staff Report respecting Transit Dashboard - January 2024, the Operations Committee recommends that City Council receive the report for information purposes."**

Carried.

8.e Water and Wastewater

None.

**9. MATTERS POSTPONED**

There were no matters postponed.

**10. MOTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE WAS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

There were no motions for which notice was previously given.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION**

There were no correspondence items presented for information.

**12. DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

12.a Watermain Breaks on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East

Chair Greig requested the Director of Public Works and Engineering discuss the watermain breaks from the week of January 15, 2024.

The Director of Public Works and Engineering explained there were a few watermain breaks on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East. It underlines the need for the 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue East Watermain Looping Project. It would eliminate the need to shut off water to residents in this area due to emergency watermain repairs.

**13. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no notices of motion.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The business contained on the agenda having been completed, Chair Greig adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.